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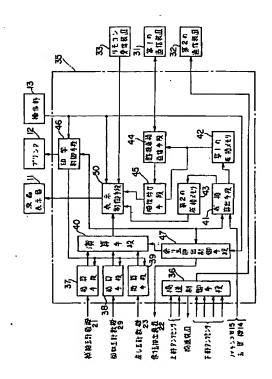
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(54) 【発明の名称】 遊技装置および遊技場システム

(57)【要約】

【課題】 遊技をしながら他の遊技装置の情報が判るようにする。

【解決手段】 制御装置35の成績算出手段41は、演算手段40の演算結果、玉貸機14の出力およびパチンコ台15からの各信号に基づいて、この遊技装置10の成績を求め、遊技者に知らせてよい成績を遊技成績として第1の成績メモリ42に更新記憶し、遊技者には知られたくない成績を営業成績として第2の成績メモリ43に更新記憶する。遊技成績通信手段44は、操作部13の操作に応じて他の遊技装置の遊技成績を収集して、順位付け手段45へ送出する。順位付け手段45は、自装置の遊技成績と他の遊技装置の遊技成績を比較して順位を付け、表示制御手段50が、上位の遊技装置の装置番号とその遊技成績を液晶表示器11に表示する。



【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】遊技台と、

遊技者が操作可能な操作部と、

前記遊技台の近傍に設けられた画像表示器と、

自装置の遊技成績を求める遊技成績算出手段と、

該遊技成績算出手段によって求めた自装置の遊技成績を 他の遊技装置へ通知し、他の遊技装置の遊技成績を収集 するための遊技成績通信手段と、

少なくとも前記遊技通信手段によって得られた他の遊技 装置の遊技成績を比較して順位を付ける順位付け手段 と

前記順位付け手段によって順位付けされた遊技装置を前 記操作部の操作に応じて前記画像表示器に成績順に表示 する表示手段とを備えた遊技装置。

【請求項2】前記遊技台の営業成績を求める営業成績算 出手段と、

特定の者だけが操作可能な特定操作部とを備え、

前記表示手段は、前記特定操作部が操作されたとき、前 記営業成績算出手段によって求めた前記遊技台の営業成 績を前記画像表示器に表示するように構成されているこ とを特徴とする請求項1記載の遊技装置。

【請求項3】遊技台の近傍に画像表示器がそれぞれ設けられた複数の遊技装置と、該複数の遊技装置との間で通信を行って各遊技装置の情報を収集する情報収集装置とを備えた遊技場システムであって、

前記各遊技装置には、

自装置の遊技成績を求める遊技成績算出手段と、

該遊技成績算出手段によって求めた自装置の遊技成績を 前記情報収集装置へ通知し、前記情報収集装置からの情 報を受信する遊技成績通信手段と、

前記情報収集装置から受信した情報を前記画像表示器に 表示する表示手段とが設けられ、

前記情報収集装置は、前記各遊技装置から通知された遊 技成績を比較して、該遊技装置に順位を付ける順位付け 手段を有し、該順位付け手段によって順位付けした遊技 装置およびその遊技成績を前記各遊技装置へ通知して、 各遊技装置の画像表示器に各遊技装置の遊技成績を成績 順に表示させるように構成されていることを特徴とする 遊技場システム。

【発明の詳細な説明】

[0001]

【発明の属する技術分野】本発明は、遊技装置および遊技場システムにおいて、他の遊技装置の遊技成績を分かりやすく知らせるための技術に関する。

[0002]

【従来の技術】例えばパチンコ店では、多数のパチンコ台を一直線上に並べて配置していわゆるパチンコ島を形成し、各パチンコ台が回収したパチンコ玉を揚送装置によってパチンコ島の上部に設けられた貯留部へ揚送して貯留し、その貯留部からパチンコ島の各パチンコ台へパ

チンコ玉を分散供給するようにしていた。

【0003】ところが、近年パチンコ店はパチンコ店専用の建物で開業する他に、既成のビル内にテナントとして開業する場合が多く、このような場合、ホールが予めパチンコ島を効率よく配置できるように考えられていないので、無駄なスペースが生じてしまう。

【0004】このため、一台の遊技台だけで遊技媒体を循環させるように機構的に独立した単独機能型の遊技装置を、ホールの状況に応じて任意に配置することが提案されている。

[0005]

【発明が解決しようとする課題】しかしながら、多数の 遊技装置を一度に見渡せるように直線状に配置するとは 限らない単独機能型の遊技装置では、他の遊技装置の情報が分かりづらく、次に遊技しようとする遊技装置を選 択するのに不便であった。

【0006】本発明は、この問題を解決した遊技装置および遊技場システムを提供することを目的としている。 【0007】

【課題を解決するための手段】前記目的を達成するために、本発明の請求項1の遊技装置は、遊技台と、遊技者が操作可能な操作部と、前記遊技台の近傍に設けられた画像表示器と、自装置の遊技成績を求める遊技成績算出手段と、該遊技成績算出手段によって求めた自装置の遊技成績を他の遊技装置へ通知し、他の遊技装置の遊技成績を収集するための遊技成績通信手段と、少なくとも前記遊技通信手段によって得られた他の遊技装置の遊技成績を比較して順位を付ける順位付け手段と、前記順位付け手段によって順位付けされた遊技装置を前記操作部の操作に応じて前記画像表示器に成績順に表示する表示手段とを備えている。

【0008】また、本発明の請求項3の遊技場システム は、遊技台の近傍に画像表示器がそれぞれ設けられた複 数の遊技装置と、該複数の遊技装置との間で通信を行っ て各遊技装置の情報を収集する情報収集装置とを備えた 遊技場システムであって、前記各遊技装置には、自装置 の遊技成績を求める遊技成績算出手段と、該遊技成績算 出手段によって求めた自装置の遊技成績を前記情報収集 装置へ通知し、前記情報収集装置からの情報を受信する 遊技成績通信手段と、前記情報収集装置から受信した情 報を前記画像表示器に表示する表示手段とが設けられ、 前記情報収集装置は、前記各遊技装置から通知された遊 技成績を比較して、該遊技装置に順位を付ける順位付け 手段を有し、該順位付け手段によって順位付けした遊技 装置およびその遊技成績を前記各遊技装置へ通知して、 各遊技装置の画像表示器に各遊技装置の遊技成績を成績 順に表示させるようにしている。

【0009】このため、遊技装置に設けられた画像表示器に、少なくとも他の遊技装置の遊技成績を成績順に表示することができる。

[0010]

【発明の実施の形態】以下、図面に基づいて本発明の一実施形態を説明する。図1は本発明を適用した一実施形態の単独機能型のパチンコ遊技装置10の外観図、図2は、パチンコ遊技装置10の構成とその遊技装置10および情報収集装置60からなる遊技場システムを示す図である。

【0011】図1において、このパチンコ遊技装置10の上部には、各種情報を画像表示するための液晶表示器11と、客が獲得した玉数をレシートに印字して発行するプリンタ12と、遊技者が操作可能な操作部13とが設けられている。

【0012】操作部13には、獲得玉の端数を含めてレシート発行するか端数を除いてレシート発行するかを選択するレシート発行操作部13aと、液晶表示器11に自装置の遊技情報か、他の遊技装置を含めた成績順位のいずれを表示させるかを選択するための表示情報選択操作部13bと、遊技者が遊技装置内に戻した獲得玉のなかから遊技玉を補充するための預玉排出操作部13cが設けられている。

【0013】液晶表示器11の下方には、玉貸機14 と、パチンコ台15が配置されている。玉貸機14は、 硬貨投入口14aから投入された金額に応じた数のパチ ンコ玉を貸出口14bから貸し出す。

【0014】パチンコ台15は、レバー15aが回転操作されると上皿15b内のパチンコ玉を打ち込み、そのパチンコ玉が入賞すると上皿15bまたは下皿15cに所定数の賞玉を排出し、入賞玉および外れ玉を回収する

【0015】パチンコ台15の下には、パチンコ台15から排出されたパチンコ玉をためておくための玉箱16が配置されている。この玉箱16は、操作レバー16aを操作するとゲート16b(図2参照)が開いて、玉箱16内に貯留していたパチンコ玉を、後述する戻し玉計数機23を介して装置内部へ戻せるようになっている。

【0016】一方、図2に示すように、装置内上部には、パチンコ玉を貯留するための上部タンク17が設けられている。この上部タンク17には、内部に貯留しているパチンコ玉の量が、上限レベルに達したことを検出するための上限センサ18と下限レベルに達したことを検出するための下限センサ19とが設けられている。上限センサ18および下限センサ19の出力は、後述する制御装置35へ出力される。

【0017】上部タンク17は、その下方に配置されている玉貸機14、パチンコ台15および余り玉排出装置22にパチンコ玉を供給する。

【0018】パチンコ台15が賞玉として排出するパチンコ玉は、上部タンク17から、補給玉計数機21を介して供給される。

【0019】補給玉計数機21は、例えばパチンコ台1

5に補給されるパチンコ玉10個当り1つのパルス信号を制御装置35へ出力する。

【0020】余り玉排出装置22は、プリンタ12がレシートを発行する時に、制御装置35からの信号によって獲得玉の端数を玉箱16に排出する。また、この余り玉排出装置22は、操作部13の預玉排出操作部13cが操作されたときに、制御装置35からの信号によって所定個数のパチンコ玉を玉箱16に排出する。

【0021】玉箱16から装置内へ戻されるパチンコ玉は、戻し玉計数機23を介して装置内下部に配置された下部タンク24内へ落下収容される。

【0022】戻し玉計数機23は、玉箱16から下部タンク24内へ戻されるパチンコ玉一個当り1つのパルスを制御装置35へ出力する。

【0023】下部タンク24には、タンク内に貯留されているパチンコ玉の量を4段階に検出して制御装置35へ出力するために、4つのセンサ25、26、27、28が異なる高さに設けられている。ここで、センサ25は、パチンコ玉の量が上限レベルし1に達したことを検出する上限センサ、センサ26は、パチンコ玉の量が上限に近いレベルし2に達したことを検出する上限警告センサ、センサ27は、パチンコ玉の量が下限に近いレベルし3に達したことを検出する下限警告センサ、センサ28は、パチンコ玉の量が下限レベルし4に達したことを検出する下限センサである。

【0024】また、パチンコ台15で回収されたパチンコ玉(打ち込まれた玉)は、回収玉計数機29を介して下部タンク24内へ落下収容される。回収玉計数機29は、例えばパチンコ台15が回収したパチンコ玉10個当り1つのパルスを制御装置35へ出力する。

【0025】下部タンク24に貯留されたパチンコ玉は、揚送装置30によって上部タンク17へ揚送される。この揚送装置30は、上部タンク17内のパチンコ玉が下限センサ19のレベルに達すると、そのパチンコ玉が上限センサ18のレベルに達するまで駆動される。

【0026】第1の通信装置31は情報収集装置60との間で通信を行うためのものであり、第2の通信手段32はこの遊技装置10の管理情報(例えば不正の発生、パチンコ玉の不足や過剰等)をホールの集中管理装置

(図示せず)へ送信するためのものであり、どちらの通信装置31、32も有線式あるいは無線式のいずれであってもよい。なお、情報収集装置60は、複数のパチンコ遊技装置10との間で通信を行うための通信手段と複数の遊技装置から通知された遊技成績を記憶するためのメモリを有し、このメモリに記憶した各遊技装置の遊技成績を要求のあった遊技装置に送信するように構成されている

【0027】リモコン受信装置33は、店員が所持する 特定操作部としてのリモコン65(例えば赤外線式リモコン)からの信号を受信して、制御装置35へ出力す る.

【0028】制御装置35は、前記各センサ、各計数機からのパルス信号および操作部13の操作に応じて、表示器11に表示する情報の出力、プリンタ12への印字情報の出力、余り玉排出ユニット22および揚送装置30の制御を行う。

【0029】次に、制御装置35の構成を図3に基づい て説明する。図3において、揚送制御手段36は、上部 タンク17のパチンコ玉のレベルが下限に達したことを 下限センサ19の出力によって検知して揚送装置30を 駆動し、パチンコ玉のレベルが上限に達したことを上限 センサ18の出力によって検知して揚送装置30の駆動 を停止する。この制御によって、上部タンク17のパチ ンコ玉は上限レベルから下限レベルの間に保たれる。な お、この遊技装置に対するパチンコ玉の持込みや持ち出 しがなければ、上部タンク17のパチンコ玉が上限レベ ルと下限レベルの間にあるとき、下部タンク24内のパ チンコ玉のレベルは、玉箱16内のパチンコ玉の量に関 わらず上限警告レベルL2と下限警告レベルL3の間と なるように予め装置内の玉の量が設定されており、下部 タンク24のパチンコ玉が上限警告レベルL2より高く なったり、下限警告レベルし3より低くなった場合に は、揚送制御手段36が、これを管理情報として第2の 通信装置32を介してホールの集中管理装置へ通知す る。

【0030】また、補給玉計数機21、回収玉計数器29および戻し玉計数機23から出力されるパルスは積算手段37、38、39で積算され、演算手段40に入力される

【0031】演算手段40は、積算手段37、38の積算値をそれぞれ10倍して補給玉数Aと回収玉数Bとを求め、その差を客が獲得したパチンコ玉の獲得玉数Cとして求める。また、積算手段39の積算値、即ち戻し玉数Dを、景品1個当り必要な玉数で除算し、その商を景品数E、余りを余り玉数Fとして求める。そしてこれら演算結果を成績算出手段41および後述する表示制御手段50へ出力する。

【0032】成績算出手段41は、この実施形態の遊技成績算出手段および営業成績算出手段を構成するものであり、演算手段40の演算結果、玉貸機14の出力およびパチンコ台15からの各信号(スタート信号、大当たり信号、パチンコ玉を打ち込むためのモータの通電信号等)に基づいて、この遊技装置10の成績、例えば獲得玉数、スタート回数、売上金額、稼働率、出玉率等を集計演算し、これらの各成績のうち、遊技者に知らせてよい成績(例えば当日のスタート回数や大当たり回数け成績として第1の成績メモリ42に更新記憶し、遊技者には知られたくない成績(例えば売上金額、稼働率、出玉率および数日間にスタート回数や大当たり回数)を営業成績として第2の成績メモリ43に更新記憶

する。

【0033】遊技成績通信手段44は、適当なタイミング、例えば自装置の遊技成績が更新される毎に、第1の成績メモリ42に記憶されている遊技成績を第1の通信装置31を介して情報収集装置60へ送って情報収集装置60内に記憶させ、操作部13の表示情報選択操作部13bによって他の遊技装置の遊技成績が選択されると、情報収集装置60に対して他の遊技装置の遊技成績を要求し、情報収集装置60から送られてくる他の遊技装置の遊技成績を要求し、情報収集装置60から送られてくる他の遊技装置の遊技成績を受信して、順位付け手段45へ出力する

【0034】順位付け手段45は、第1の成績メモリ42に記憶されている自装置の遊技成績と遊技成績通信手段44で受信した他の遊技装置の遊技成績の例えばスタート回数を比較して順位を付け、上位(例えば1位から3位まで)の遊技装置の装置番号とその遊技成績を求めて、これを表示制御手段50へ出力する。

【0035】印字制御手段46は、操作部13のレシート発行操作部13aによって端数込みのレシート発行が選択されると、演算手段40の演算結果のうち、戻し玉数、景品数および余り玉数を印字したレシートを発行し、端数を含まないレシート発行が選択されると、戻し玉数、景品数を印字したレシートを発行する。なお、印字制御手段46は、レシートの発行が終了すると各積算手段37~39の積算値を零にリセットして、次の遊技に備える。

【0036】また、余り玉排出制御手段47は、操作部13のレシート発行操作部13aによって端数を含まないレシート発行が選択されると、演算手段40によって算出された余り玉数を余り玉排出装置22から玉箱16内へ排出させる。また、この余り玉排出制御手段47は、操作部13の預玉排出操作部13cが操作される毎に戻し玉の範囲内で所定個数(例えば100個)ずつパチンコ玉を玉箱16に排出し、その排出した数分だけ演算手段40の戻し玉数Dを減算させる。

【0037】表示制御手段50は、戻し玉計数機23の計数動作や、操作部13の操作あるいはリモコン受信装置33の受信信号に応じて、液晶表示器11に表示する内容を切り換える。

【0038】図4は、この表示制御手段50の処理手順を示すフローチャートである。以下、このフローチャートに基づいてパチンコ遊技装置10の動作を説明する。【0039】始めに、遊技者が玉貸機14から貸し出されたパチンコ玉をパチンコ台15の上皿15bに入れて遊技を開始する。パチンコ台15に打ち込まれたパチンコ玉が入賞すると賞玉が排出され、その賞玉が遊技者によって玉箱16内に移されていく。パチンコ台15が回収したパチンコ玉は、回収玉計数機29を介して下部タンク24内へ貯留され、パチンコ台15には、上部タンク17から補給玉計数機21を介してパチンコ玉が補給

されていく。

【0040】このようにして遊技が継続している間に、補給玉計数機21および回収玉計数機29から出力されるパルスの数が積算手段37、38で積算され、その演算結果に基づいて、自装置の成績が更新されていく。

【0041】このような遊技初期時に、液晶表示器11には図5に示すような基本画面が表示される(S1)。【0042】この基本画面の「打ち玉」の欄には演算手段40から出力される回収玉数Bが表示され、「出玉」の欄には演算手段40から出力される補給玉数Aが表示され、「差し引き」の欄には、演算手段40から出力される獲得玉数Cが表示され...これらの表示値は、各計数機からパルスが出力される毎に更新される。

【0043】この基本画面が表示されているときに、遊技者が操作部13の表示情報選択操作部13bによって他の遊技装置を含めた遊技成績を選択すると、遊技成績通信手段44が情報収集装置60から他の遊技装置の遊技成績を得て、この遊技成績と第1の成績メモリ42に記憶されている自装置の遊技成績に対して順位付けがなされて、液晶表示器11には、例えば図6に示すように1位~3位の遊技装置の装置番号と遊技成績(この場合スタート回数)が成績順に並んだ成績画面が表示される(S2、S3)。

【0044】このパチンコ遊技装置10で遊技していた 客は、この成績画面から当日の遊技成績がよい遊技装置 を容易に把握できる。

【0045】そして、この成績画面が表示されているときに、操作部13の表示情報選択操作部13bによって自装置の遊技情報が選択されると、液晶表示器11は基本画面に戻る(S4)。

【0046】また、基本画面あるいは成績画面が表示されているときに、玉箱16のパチンコ玉が戻し玉計数機23を介して装置内に戻されると、液晶表示器11には、例えば図7に示す計数画面が表示される(S5~S7)。

【0047】この計数画面の「計数玉総数」の欄には、 演算手段40から出力される戻し玉数Dが表示され、

「景品数」の欄には演算手段40から出力される景品数 Eが表示され、「余り玉数」の欄には演算手段40から 出力される余り玉数Fが表示される。

【0048】そして、計数画面が表示されている間に、遊技者が操作部13の表示情報選択操作部13bによって他の遊技装置を含む遊技成績を選択すると、前記同様に成績画面が表示され、成績画面が表示されているときに操作部13の表示情報選択操作部13bによって自装置の遊技情報が選択されると、液晶表示器11は計数画面に戻る(S8~S10)。

【0049】また、計数画面あるいは成績画面が表示されているときに、レシート発行がなされると、液晶表示器11の画面は基本画面に戻り、次の遊技に備える(S

 $11 \sim S12$).

【0050】また、基本画面が表示されているときに、リモコン65からメンテナンス用の信号を送信して、リモコン受信装置33がこの信号を受信すると、液晶表示器11には第2の成績メモリ43に記憶されているこの遊技装置の営業成績が例えば図8に示すように表示され、リモコン受信装置33がメンテナンス終了用の信号を受信すると基本画面に戻る(S13~S15)。

【0051】なお、このリモコン操作は、例えば、閉店後にパチンコ台の釘の調整等を行う際等に行われる。また、このような客用と店用の表示情報の切り換えはリモコン65の操作だけに限らず種々の方法が可能である。例えば、鍵スイッチを遊技装置に設けて、店員が所持している鍵の操作で表示の切り換えを行うようにしたり、また、カード読取装置を遊技装置に設けて、店員が所持しているカードの読取操作で表示を切り換えるようにしてもよい。

【0052】以上のように、この実施形態のパチンコ遊技装置では、自装置を含めた各遊技装置の遊技成績に順位を付けて成績順に表示しているので、遊技成績の良い遊技装置が簡単に把握でき、次の遊技対象装置を選択する際等に大きく役立つ。

【0053】また、特定操作によって、自装置の営業成績を画像表示器に表示することができので、従来のように、集中管理装置等で集計した情報を見ないでも、各遊技台の調整作業が容易に行える。

[0054]

【他の実施の形態】前記実施形態は、パチンコ遊技装置20自体で他の遊技装置の遊技成績を含めた順位付けを行なっていたが、各遊技装置が自装置の遊技成績を情報収集装置60个送信し、この情報収集装置60で各遊技装置の遊技成績の順位付けを行い、この順位付けした情報を要求のあった遊技装置に送信して、その遊技装置の液晶表示器に成績順に表示させるように構成してもよい。

【0055】また、前記実施形態では、画像表示器として液晶表示器を用いていたが、ブラウン管やプラズマ表示器等の他の画像表示器を用いてもよい。

【0056】また、前記実施形態では、機構的に独立した単独機能型のパチンコ遊技装置に本発明を適用していたが、複数の遊技台に共通の補給装置からパチンコ玉を分散供給するような従来の遊技装置や遊技場システムにも本発明を同様に適用でき、メダルを遊技媒体とする遊技装置等にも適用できる。

[0057]

【発明の効果】以上説明したように、本発明によれば、 各遊技装置に設けられた画像表示器に、他の遊技装置の 遊技成績を成績順に表示することができるので、たと え、他の遊技装置が見にくいように配置される可能性の ある単独機能型の遊技装置の場合でも、他の遊技装置の うち成績の良いものを容易に把握できるので、次の遊技 装置の選択が容易に行える。

【図面の簡単な説明】

【図1】本発明を適用した一実施形態のパチンコ遊技装 置の斜視図

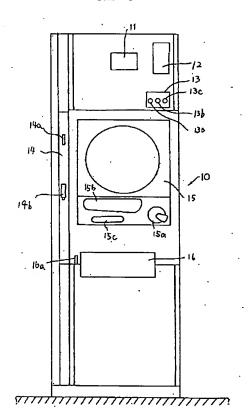
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- 【図3】一実施形態の要部のブロック図
- 【図4】一実施形態の要部の処理手順を示すフローチャ - ト
- 【図5】一実施形態の表示画面の一例を示す図
- 【図6】一実施形態の表示画面の一例を示す図
- 【図7】一実施形態の表示画面の一例を示す図
- 【図8】一実施形態の表示画面の一例を示す図

【符号の説明】

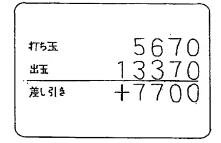
- 10 パチンコ遊技装置
- 11 液晶表示器
- 12 プリンタ
- 13 操作部
- 15 パチンコ台
- 16 玉箱

- 17 上部タンク
- 21 補給玉計数機
- 23 戻し玉計数機
- 24 下部タンク
- 29 回収玉計数機
- 30 揚送装置
- 31 第1の通信装置
- 32 第2の通信装置
- 33 リモコン受信装置
- 35 制御装置
- 40 演算手段
- 41 成績算出手段
- 42 第1の成績メモリ
- 43 第2の成績メモリ
- 44 遊技成績通信手段
- 45 順位付け手段
- 50 表示制御手段
- 60 情報収集装置
- 65 リモコン

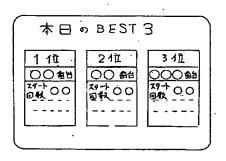
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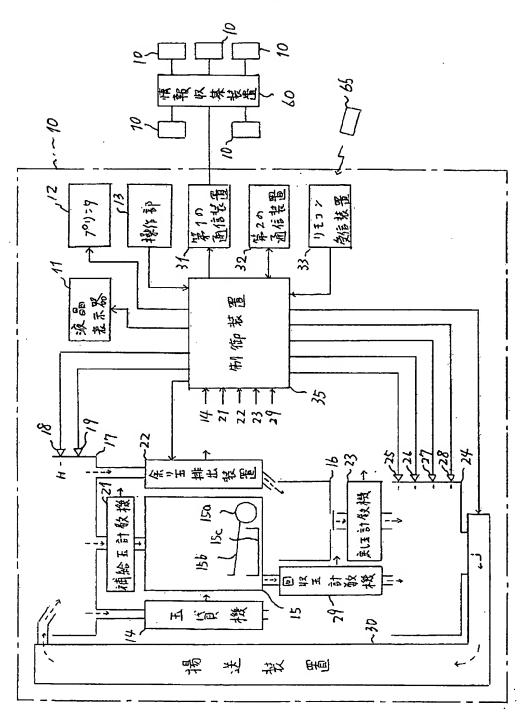
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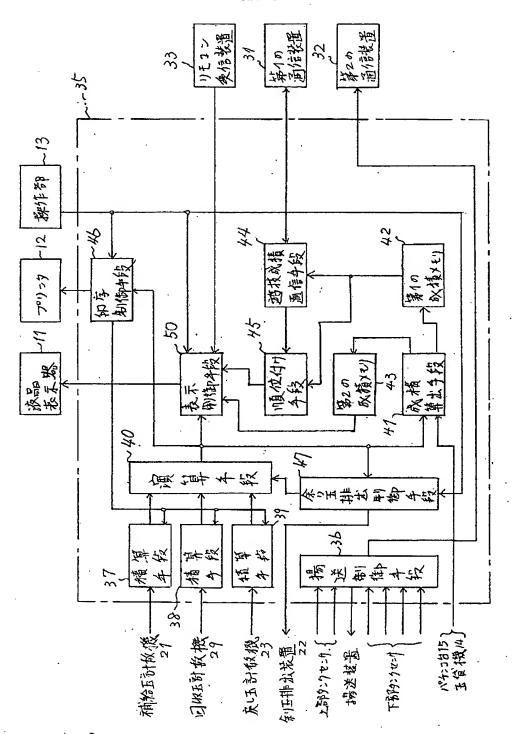
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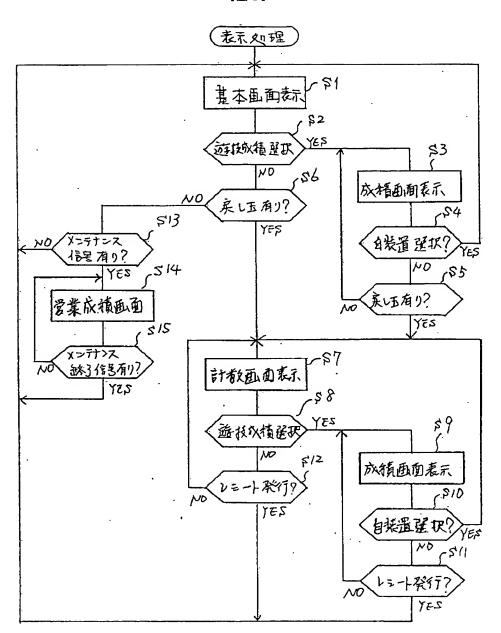
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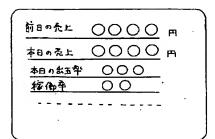
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【図7】



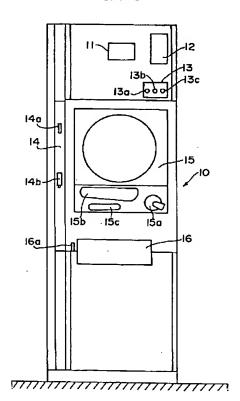
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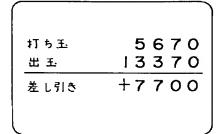
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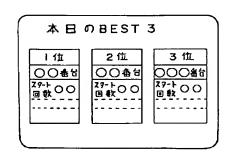


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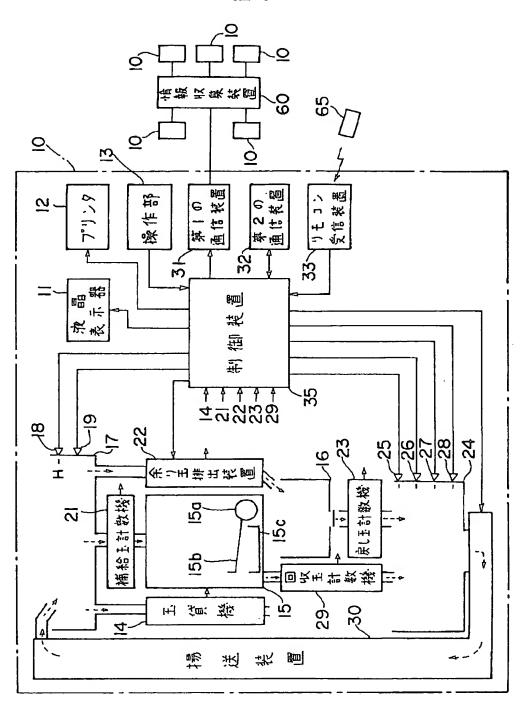
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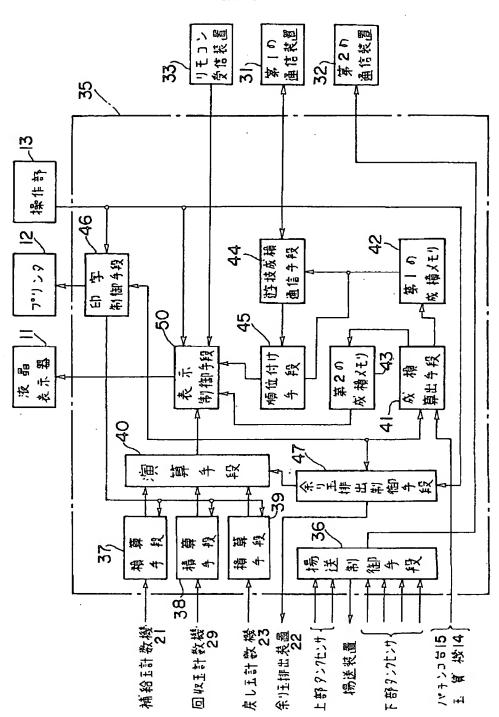
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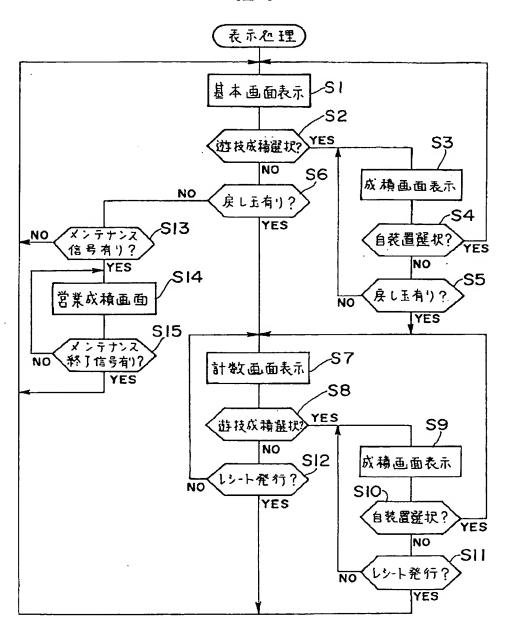
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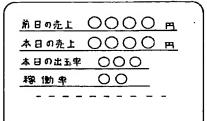


【図4】



【図7】

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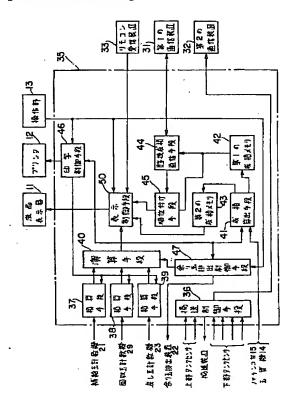
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[Means for Solution] Based on each signal from the output and the pachinko base 15

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of the result of an operation of the operation means 40, and a ball rental machine 14, the results calculation means 41 of a control unit 35 searches for the results of this game equipment 10, carries out updating storage by making into game results the results about which a game person may be told at the 1st results memory 42, and carries out updating storage by making into business results the results which be not known to a game person at the 2nd results memory 43. The game results means of communications 44 collects the game results of other game equipments according to operation of a control unit 13, and sends them out to the ranking means 45. The ranking means 45 compares the game results of self-equipment with the game results of other game equipments, and attaches ranking, and the display-control means 50 displays the device number and its game results of game equipment of a high order on a liquid crystal display 11.

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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] Game equipment characterized by providing the following. Game base. A control unit with an operational game person. The image display machine formed near the aforementioned game base. A game results calculation means to search for the game results of self-equipment, and the game results means of communications for notifying the game results of the self-equipment for which it asked by this game results calculation means to other game equipments, and collecting the game results of other game equipments, The ranking means which compares the game results of other game equipments obtained by the aforementioned game means of communications at least, and attaches ranking, and a display means to display the game equipment by which ranking was carried out in order of results on the aforementioned image display machine according to operation of the aforementioned control unit by the aforementioned ranking means.

[Claim 2] It is game equipment according to claim 1 with which it has a business—results calculation means to ask for the business results of the aforementioned game base, and a specific control unit only with a specific operational person, and the aforementioned display means is characterized by being constituted so that the business results of the aforementioned game base for which it asked by the aforementioned business—results calculation means may be displayed on the aforementioned image display machine when the aforementioned specific control unit is operated.

[Claim 3] Two or more game equipments with which the image display machine was formed near the game base, respectively. Information gathering equipment which communicates among two or more of these game equipments, and collects the information on each game equipment. It is the amusement center system equipped with the above, to each aforementioned game equipment A game results calculation means to search for the game results of self-equipment, and the game results means of communications which notifies the game results of the self-equipment for which it asked by this game results calculation means to the aforementioned information gathering equipment, and receives the information from the aforementioned information gathering equipment, A display means to display the information received from the aforementioned information gathering equipment on

the aforementioned image display machine is established. the aforementioned information gathering equipment Compare the game results notified from each aforementioned game equipment, have the ranking means which attaches ranking to this game equipment, and the game equipment which carried out ranking by this ranking means, and its game results are notified to each aforementioned game equipment. It is characterized by being constituted so that the game results of each game equipment may be displayed on the image display machine of each game equipment in order of results.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention] [0001]

[The technical field to which invention belongs] this invention relates to the technology for telling the game results of other game equipments intelligibly in game equipment and an amusement center system.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] For example, in the pachinko parlor, many pachinko bases are arranged side by side on a straight line, the so-called pachinko island is formed, the pachinko ball which each pachinko base collected is lifted and transported to the reservoir section in which it was prepared by the upper part of a pachinko island, and is stored with transfer-by-lifting equipment, and it is made to carry out distributed supply of the pachinko ball to each pachinko base of a pachinko island from the reservoir section.

[0003] However, since business is started in the building only for pachinko parlors, and also a pachinko parlor is opened in many cases as a tenant in an established building and the hole is not considered that it can arrange a pachinko island efficiently beforehand in recent years in such a case, a useless space will be generated.

[0004] For this reason, arranging arbitrarily the independent function type game equipment which became independent in mechanism so that a game medium might be circulated only on one game base according to the situation of a hole is proposed. [0005]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] However, it was inconvenient to choose the game equipment which the information on other game equipments is incomprehensible, and is next going to play a game with the independent function type game equipment which is not necessarily arranged in the shape of a straight line so that much game equipments can be overlooked at once.

[0006] this invention aims at offering the game equipment and the amusement center system which solved this problem.

[0007]

[Means for Solving the Problem] In order to attain the aforementioned purpose, the game equipment of the claim 1 of this invention A game base, a control unit with an operational game person, and the image display machine formed near the aforementioned game base, A game results calculation means to search for the game results of self-equipment, and the game results means of communications for notifying the game results of the self-equipment for which it asked by this game results calculation means to other game equipments, and collecting the game results of other game equipments, It has the ranking means which compares the game results of other game equipments obtained by the aforementioned game means of communications at least, and attaches ranking, and a display means to display the game equipment by which ranking was carried out in order of results on the aforementioned image display machine according to operation of the aforementioned control unit by the aforementioned ranking means.

[0008] Moreover, the amusement center system of the claim 3 of this invention Two or more game equipments with which the image display machine was formed near the game base, respectively, It is the amusement center system equipped with the information gathering equipment which communicates among two or more of these game equipments, and collects the information on each game equipment. to each aforementioned game equipment A game results calculation means to search for the game results of self-equipment, and the game results means of communications which notifies the game results of the self-equipment for which it asked by this game results calculation means to the aforementioned information gathering equipment, and receives the information from the aforementioned information gathering equipment, A display means to display the information received from the aforementioned information gathering equipment on the aforementioned image display machine is established the aforementioned information gathering equipment Compare the game results notified from each aforementioned game equipment, have the ranking means which attaches ranking to this game equipment, and the game equipment which carried out ranking by this ranking means, and its game results are notified to each aforementioned game equipment. It is made to display the game

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results of each game equipment on the image display machine of each game equipment in order of results.

[0009] For this reason, the game results of other game equipments can be displayed on the image display machine formed in game equipment in order of results at least. [0010]

[Embodiments of the Invention] Hereafter, 1 operation form of this invention is explained based on a drawing. The external view of the independent function [in which drawing 1 applied this invention] type pachinko game equipment 10 of 1 operation form, and drawing 2 are drawings showing the amusement center system which consists of the composition and the game equipment 10 of pachinko game equipment 10, and information gathering equipment 60.

[0011] In drawing 1, the liquid crystal display 11 for carrying out image display of the various information, the printer 12 which prints and publishes in a receipt the number of balls which the visitor gained, and the control unit 13 with an operational game person are formed in the upper part of this pachinko game equipment 10. [0012] Receipt issue control unit 13a which chooses as a control unit 13 whether receipt issue is carried out including the fraction of an acquisition ball, or receipt issue is carried out except for a fraction, **** discharge control unit 13c for filling up a game ball out of display information selection control unit 13b for choosing any of the results ranking which included the game information on self-equipment and other game equipments in the liquid crystal display 11 are displayed, and the acquisition ball which the game person returned in game equipment is prepared. [0013] Under the liquid crystal display 11, the ball rental machine 14 and the pachinko base 15 are arranged. A ball rental machine 14 lends out the pachinko ball of the number according to the amount of money invested from coin input port 14a from loan mouth 14b.

[0014] The pachinko base 15 will drive in the pachinko ball in upper pan 15b, if rotation operation of the lever 15a is carried out, if the pachinko ball wins a prize, will discharge **** of a predetermined number to upper pan 15b or lower pan 15c, and will collect a winning-a-prize ball and blank balls.

[0015] Under the pachinko base 15, **** 16 for collecting the pachinko balls discharged from the pachinko base 15 is arranged, the return ball which mentions later the pachinko ball which gate 16b (refer to drawing 2) opened this **** 16 when control-lever 16a was operated, and was being stored in **** 16 — counting — it can return now to the interior of equipment through a machine 23 [0016] On the other hand, as shown in drawing 2, the upper tank 17 for storing a pachinko ball is formed in the upper part in equipment. Besides, the minimum sensor 19 for detecting that the amount of the pachinko ball currently stored in the interior reached the upper limit sensor 18 and minimum level for detecting having reached upper limit level is formed in the section tank 17. The output of the upper limit sensor 18 and the minimum sensor 19 is outputted to the control unit 35 mentioned later.

[0017] A upper tank 17 supplies a pachinko ball to the ball rental machine 14 arranged caudad, the pachinko base 15, and the remainder ball exhaust 22. [0018] the pachinko ball which the pachinko base 15 discharges as **** -- the supply ball from a upper tank 17 -- counting -- it is supplied through a machine 21 [0019] a supply ball — counting — a machine 21 outputs one pulse signal per ten pachinko balls supplied to the pachinko base 15 to a control unit 35 [0020] Not much, the ball exhaust 22 discharges the fraction of an acquisition ball to **** 16 with the signal from a control unit 35, when a printer 12 publishes a receipt. Moreover, not much, the ball exhaust 22 discharges the pachinko ball of the predetermined number to **** 16 with the signal from a control unit 35, when [this] **** eccrisis control unit 13c of a control unit 13 is operated. [0021] the pachinko ball returned into equipment from **** 16 -- a return ball -counting -- fall hold is carried out into the lower tank 24 arranged through a machine 23 at the lower part in equipment [0022] a return ball -- counting -- a machine 23 outputs one pulse per pachinko ball piece returned into a lower tank 24 from **** 16 to a control unit 35 [0023] Since the amount of the pachinko ball currently stored in the tank is detected in four stages and it outputs to a control unit 35 at a lower tank 24, it is prepared in the height from which four sensors 25, 26, 27, and 28 differ. A sensor 25 the upper limit sensor and sensor 26 which detect that the amount of a pachinko ball reached the upper limit level L1 here The upper limit warning sensor and sensor 27 which detect that the amount of a pachinko ball reached the level L2 near an upper limit The minimum warning sensor which detects that the amount of a pachinko ball reached the level L3 near a minimum, and a sensor 28 are minimum sensors which detect that the amount of a pachinko ball reached the minimum level L4.

[0024] moreover, the pachinko ball (driven-in ball) collected on the pachinko base 15 — a recovery ball — counting — fall hold is carried out into a lower tank 24 through a machine 29 a recovery ball — counting — a machine 29 outputs one pulse per ten pachinko balls which the pachinko base 15 collected to a control unit 35 [0025] The pachinko ball stored by the lower tank 24 is lifted and transported to a upper tank 17 by transfer—by—lifting equipment 30. If the pachinko ball in a upper tank 17 reaches the level of the minimum sensor 19, this transfer—by—lifting equipment 30 will be driven until the pachinko ball reaches the level of the upper limit sensor 18.

[0026] The 1st communication device 31 may be for communicating between information gathering equipment 60, the 2nd means of communications 32 may be for transmitting the management information (for example, shortage, an excess, etc. of unjust generating and a pachinko ball) of this game equipment 10 to the centralized-control equipment (not shown) of a hole, and both of the communication devices 31 and 32 may be any of a cable formula or a radio formula. In addition, information gathering equipment 60 has the memory for memorizing the game results

notified from the means of communications for communicating among two or more pachinko game equipments 10, and two or more game equipments, and it is constituted so that it may transmit to game equipment with the demand of the game results of each game equipment memorized in this memory.

[0027] The remote control receiving set 33 receives the signal from remote control 65 (for example, infrared formula remote control) as a specific control unit which a salesclerk possesses, and outputs it to a control unit 35.

[0028] a control unit 35 — each aforementioned sensor and every — the output of the information displayed on a drop 11 according to operation of the pulse signal from several [a total of] sets, and a control unit 13, and the output of the printing information on a printer 12 — control of the ball discharge unit 22 and transfer—by—lifting equipment 30 is performed not much

[0029] Next, the composition of a control unit 35 is explained based on drawing 3. In drawing 3, the transfer-by-lifting control means 36 detect that the level of the pachinko ball of a upper tank 17 reached the minimum by the output of the minimum sensor 19, drive transfer-by-lifting equipment 30, detect that the level of a pachinko ball reached the upper limit by the output of the upper limit sensor 18, and stop the drive of transfer-by-lifting equipment 30. The pachinko ball of a upper tank 17 is maintained between upper limit level and minimum level by this control. In addition, if there are no carrying in and carrying out of a pachinko ball to this game equipment When the pachinko ball of a upper tank 17 is between upper limit level and minimum level, the level of the pachinko ball in a lower tank 24 The amount of the ball in equipment is beforehand set up so that it may not be concerned with the amount of the pachinko ball in **** 16 but may become between the upper limit warning level L2 and the minimum warning level L3. When the pachinko ball of a lower tank 24 becomes higher than the upper limit warning level L2 or becomes lower than the minimum warning level L3, the transfer-by-lifting control means 36 notify to the centralized-control equipment of a hole through the 2nd communication device 32 by making this into management information.

[0030] moreover, a supply ball — counting — a machine 21, the recovery ball counter 29, and a return ball — counting — the pulse outputted from a machine 23 is integrated with the addition meanses 37, 38, and 39, and is inputted into the operation means 40

[0031] The operation means 40 doubles the integrated value of the addition meanses 37 and 38 ten, respectively, asks for the number A of supply balls, and the number B of recovery balls, and asks for them as the number C of acquisition balls of the pachinko ball with which the visitor acquired the difference. Moreover, the division of the integrated value D of the addition means 39, i.e., the number of return balls, is carried out with the required number of balls per premium, and the quotient is asked not much for the number E of premiums, and remainder as the number F of balls. And these results of an operation are outputted to the results calculation means 41 and a display-control means 50 to mention later.

[0032] The results calculation means 41 is what constitutes the game results calculation means and business-results calculation means of this operation form. each signal (a start signal --) from the output and the pachinko base 15 of the result of an operation of the operation means 40, and a ball rental machine 14 It is based on the energization signal of the motor for driving in a great success signal and a pachinko ball etc. The results of this game equipment 10, for example, the number of acquisition balls, the number of times of a start, a proceeds frame, Carry out the total operation of an operating ratio, the rate of reward balls, etc., and updating storage is carried out at the 1st results memory 42 by making into game results the results (for example, the number of times of a start and the number of times of great success on the day) about which a game person may be told among each of these results. Updating storage is carried out at the 2nd results memory 43 by making into business results the results (they being the number of times of a start, and the number of times of great success in for example, a proceeds frame, an operating ratio, the rate of reward balls, and several days) which be not known to a game person.

[0033] Whenever the game results of suitable timing, for example, self-equipment, are updated, the game results means of communications 44 Send the game results memorized by the 1st results memory 42 to information gathering equipment 60 through the 1st communication device 31, and it is made to memorize in information gathering equipment 60. If the game results of other game equipments are chosen by display information selection control unit 13b of a control unit 13, the game results of other game equipments will be required from information gathering equipment 60, the game results of other game equipments sent from information gathering equipment 60 will be received, and it will output to the ranking means 45. [0034] The ranking means 45 compares for example, the number of times of a start of the game results of the self-equipment memorized by the 1st results memory 42, and the game results of other game equipments received by the game results means of communications 44, attaches ranking, searches for the device number and its game results of the game equipment of a high order (from the 1st place up to the 3rd place), and outputs this to the display-control means 50. [0035] The printing control means 46 will publish the number of return balls among

[0035] The printing control means 46 will publish the number of return balls among the results of an operation of the operation means 40, the number of premiums, and the receipt that printed the number of balls not much, if receipt issue of a fraction lump is chosen by receipt issue control unit 13a of a control unit 13, and if the receipt issue which does not contain a fraction is chosen, they will publish the receipt which printed the number of return balls, and the number of premiums. In addition, after issue of a receipt is completed, the printing control means 46 reset the integrated value of each addition meanses 37–39 to zero, and equip the following game with it.

[0036] Moreover, the ball emission-control means 47 makes the number of balls discharge into **** 16 from the ball exhaust 22 not much just because it was

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computed by the operation means 40, when the receipt issue which does not contain a fraction by receipt issue control unit 13a of a control unit 13 was chosen. Moreover, this remainder ball emission—control means 47 is returned whenever **** discharge control unit 13c of a control unit 13 is operated, it discharges a predetermined number [every] (for example, 100 pieces) pachinko ball to **** 16 within the limits of a ball, and makes the number D of return balls of the operation means 40 subtract only several of the discharged minutes.

[0037] the display-control means 50 — a return ball — counting — counting of a machine 23 — according to operation, operation of a control unit 13, or the input signal of the remote control receiving set 33, the contents displayed on a liquid crystal display 11 are switched

[0038] Drawing 4 is a flow chart which shows the procedure of this display-control means 50. Hereafter, operation of pachinko game equipment 10 is explained based on this flow chart.

[0039] Introduction and a game person put the pachinko ball lent out from the ball rental machine 14 into upper pan 15b of the pachinko base 15, and start a game. If the pachinko ball driven into the pachinko base 15 wins a prize, **** is discharged and the **** is moved by the game person in **** 16. the pachinko ball which the pachinko base 15 collected — a recovery ball — counting — it stores into a lower tank 24 through a machine 29 — having — the pachinko base 15 — the supply ball from a upper tank 17 — counting — the pachinko ball is supplied through the machine 21

[0040] while [thus,] the game is continuing — a supply ball — counting — a machine 21 and a recovery ball — counting — the number of the pulses outputted from a machine 29 is integrated with the addition meanses 37 and 38, and the results of self-equipment are updated based on the result of an operation [0041] At the time of such early stages of a game, a basic screen as shown in drawing 5 is displayed on a liquid crystal display 11 (S1).

[0042] "of this basic screen — the number B of recovery balls which strikes and is outputted to the column of ball" from the operation means 40 is displayed, the number A of supply balls outputted from the operation means 40 is displayed on the column of "reward balls", and the number C of acquisition balls outputted from the operation means 40 displays on the column of a "total" — having .. such indicated value — every — it is updated whenever a pulse is outputted from several [a total of] sets

[0043] If a game person chooses the game results which include other game equipments by display information selection control unit 13b of a control unit 13 when this basic screen is displayed The game results means of communications 44 acquires the game results of other game equipments from information gathering equipment 60. Ranking is made to the game results of the self-equipment memorized by these game results and the 1st results memory 42. to a liquid crystal display 11 For example, the results screen where the device number and the game results

(number of times of a start in this case) of the game equipment of the place [1st] – the 3rd place were located in a line in order of results as shown in drawing 6 is displayed (S2, S3).

[0044] The visitor who was playing the game with this pachinko game equipment 10 can grasp easily game equipment with sufficient game results on the day from this results screen.

[0045] And if the game information on self-equipment is chosen by display information selection control unit 13b of a control unit 13 when this results screen is displayed, a liquid crystal display 11 will return to a basic screen (S4).

[0046] moreover, the time of the basic screen or the results screen being displayed — the pachinko ball of **** 16 — returning — a ball — counting — counting shown in a liquid crystal display 11 at drawing 7 when returned in equipment through a machine 23 — a screen is displayed (S5–S7)

[0047] this counting — "of a screen — counting — the number D of return balls outputted from the operation means 40 is displayed, the number E of premiums outputted from the operation means 40 is displayed on the column of "the number of premiums", and the number F of balls is displayed on the column of ball total just because it is outputted to the column of being the number of balls not much from the operation means 40

[0048] and counting — if the game information on self-equipment is chosen by display information selection control unit 13b of a control unit 13 when a results screen is displayed like the above and the results screen is displayed, if a game person chooses the game results which contain other game equipments by display information selection control unit 13b of a control unit 13 while the screen is displayed — a liquid crystal display 11 — counting — it returns to a screen (S8–S10)

[0049] moreover, counting — if receipt issue is made when the screen or the results screen is displayed, the screen of a liquid crystal display 11 will return to a basic screen, and the following game will be equipped with it (S11-S12)

[0050] Moreover, if the signal for a maintenance is transmitted from remote control 65 and the remote control receiving set 33 receives this signal when the basic screen is displayed, as the business results of this game equipment memorized by the 2nd results memory 43 show drawing 8, it will be displayed on a liquid crystal display 11, and if the remote control receiving set 33 receives the signal for a maintenance end, it will return to a basic screen (S13-S15).

[0051] In addition, this remote control operation is performed in case adjustment of the nail of a pachinko base etc. is performed for example, after closing. Moreover, the method various only in operation of remote control 65 is possible for a switch of the display information such an object for visitors, and for stores. For example, a key switch is formed in game equipment, it is made to switch a display by operation of the key which the salesclerk possesses, and a card reader is prepared in game equipment, and you may make it switch a display by reading operation of the card

which the salesclerk possesses.

[0052] As mentioned above, with the pachinko game equipment of this operation form, since ranking is attached to the game results of each game equipment including self-equipment and it is displaying on them in order of results, in case game equipment with sufficient game results can grasp easily and chooses the equipment for a game of a degree, it is greatly useful.

[0053] moreover, specific operation — the business results of self-equipment — an image display machine — it can display — like before, the information which totaled with centralized-control equipment etc. is not seen — also coming out — tuning of each game base can be performed easily

[0054]

[The form of other operations] Although it was performing ranking which includes the game results of other game equipments by pachinko game equipment 20 the very thing, each game equipment transmits the game results of self-equipment to information-gathering equipment 60, and the aforementioned operation form performs ranking of the game results of each game equipment with this information-gathering equipment 60, and it may transmit to game equipment with a demand of this information that carried out ranking, and it may constitute it so that it may make display in order of results on the liquid crystal display of the game equipment.

[0055] Moreover, with the aforementioned operation form, although the liquid crystal display was used as an image display machine, you may use other image display machines, such as the Braun tube and a plasma display.

[0056] Moreover, although this invention was applied to the independent function type pachinko game equipment which became independent in mechanism with the aforementioned operation form, this invention can be similarly applied also to conventional game equipment and a conventional amusement center system which carry out distributed supply of the pachinko ball from supply equipment common to two or more game bases, and it can apply to the game equipment which uses a medal as a game medium.

[0057]

[Effect of the Invention] Also by the case of the independent function type game equipment with which other game equipments may be arranged even if so that indistinctly since the game results of other game equipments can be displayed on the image display machine formed in each game equipment in order of results according to this invention as explained above, since what has good results can be easily grasped among other game equipments, the game equipment of a degree can be chosen easily.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] The perspective diagram of the pachinko game equipment of 1 operation gestalt which applied this invention

[Drawing 2] The whole 1 operation gestalt block diagram

[Drawing 3] The block diagram of the important section of 1 operation gestalt

[Drawing 4] The flow chart which shows the procedure of the important section of 1 operation gestalt

[Drawing 5] Drawing showing an example of the display screen of 1 operation gestalt

[Drawing 6] Drawing showing an example of the display screen of 1 operation gestalt

[Drawing 7] Drawing showing an example of the display screen of 1 operation gestalt

[Drawing 8] Drawing showing an example of the display screen of 1 operation gestalt [Description of Notations]

10 Pachinko Game Equipment

- 11 Liquid Crystal Display
- 12 Printer
- 13 Control Unit
- 15 Pachinko Base
- 16 ****
- 17 Upper Tank
- 21 Supply Ball -- Counting -- Machine
- 23 Return Ball -- Counting -- Machine
- 24 Lower Tank
- 29 Recovery Ball -- Counting -- Machine
- 30 Transfer-by-Lifting Equipment
- 31 1st Communication Device
- 32 2nd Communication Device
- 33 Remote Control Receiving Set
- 35 Control Unit
- 40 Operation Means
- 41 Results Calculation Means
- 42 1st Results Memory
- 43 2nd Results Memory

- 44 Game Results Means of Communications
- 45 Ranking Means
- 50 Display-Control Means
- 60 Information Gathering Equipment
- 65 Remote Control

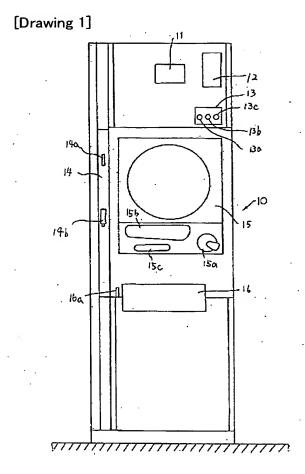
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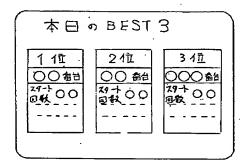
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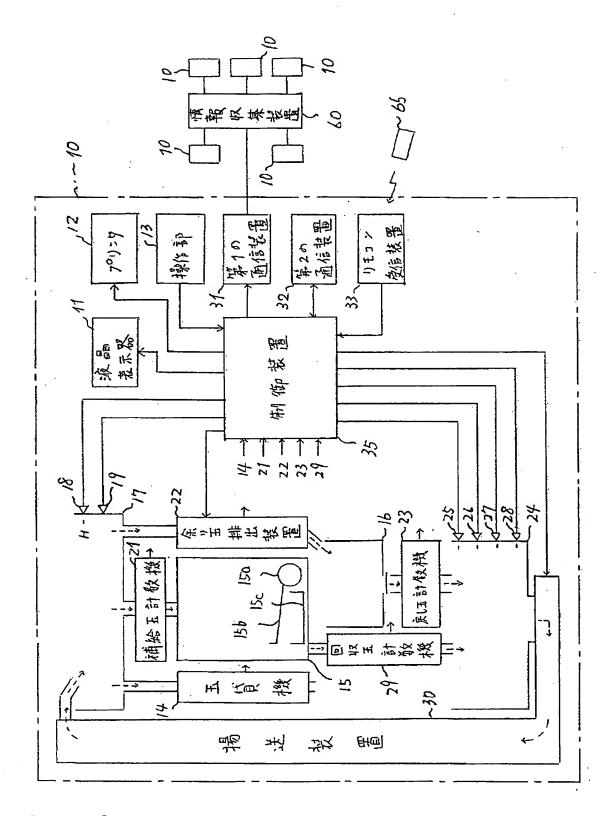


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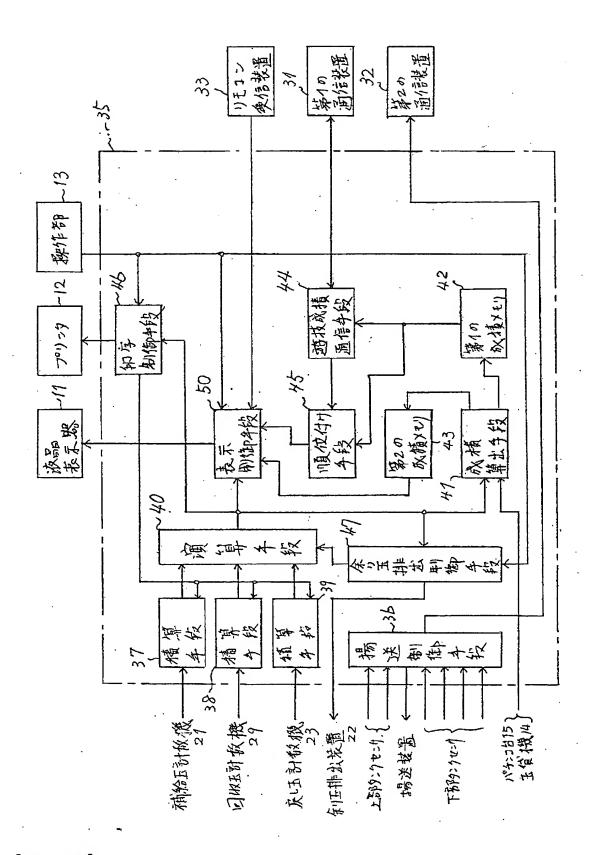
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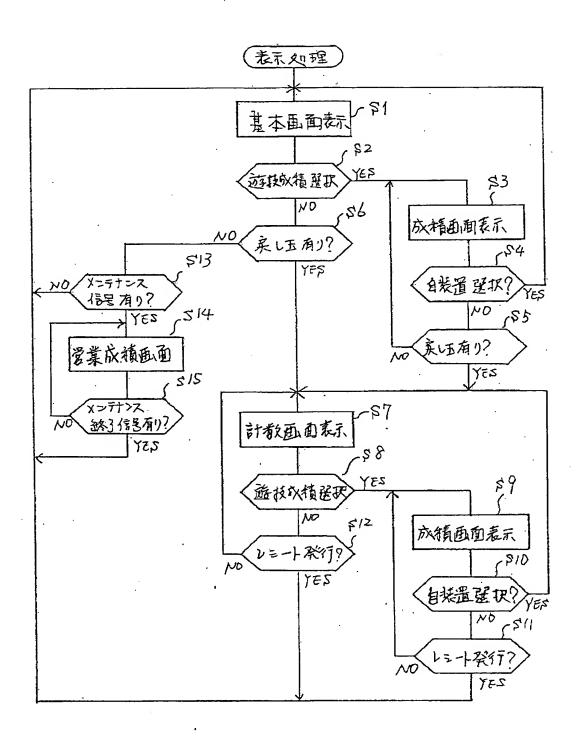
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[Drawing 4]



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